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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

In response to the Examiner's communication mailed March 22, 2006, having a deadline for response expiring April 22, 2006, Applicants hereby elect to prosecute in this application the following invention, without traverse:

**Invention I.** 1-31 drawn to a synthetic mammalian expression plasmid comprising a synthetic eukaryotic promoter, codon optimized eukaryotic therapeutic gene sequence, a polyA signal, etc., classified in class 435, subclass 320.1.

Invention II, Claims 32-37 will be prosecuted separately under a divisional application.

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